

Primary 7 Newsletter

September 2023 - Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome the children and yourselves back to school for this exciting final year in Primary 7. We are excited to have this opportunity to teach and support your child at this stage of their journey. So far, the children seem to be settling in very well and are displaying a great work ethic in their school life. We have a very important year ahead and this positive and enthusiastic start to the term will ensure they are able to achieve their full potential in this final year at St Michael's Primary.

We have so much happening in this busy term and this newsletter will give you an insight into some of what is going on in your child's class:

Curriculum

Literacy

This term we will be completing a modelling block studying the novel "Private Peaceful". During this time, children are encouraged to read for enjoyment for at least 15 minutes each night. They are welcome to select a book from our Class Library or read a book from home. This could be recorded and initialled by parents/carers in their homework jotter.



Maths

We will be focussing on revision in Term 1 in order to ensure children have a solid foundation on different concepts being taught this year.

Children are encouraged to work on their Times Tables knowledge throughout the year. It is extremely important that they keep up their Times Table practice at home as well as in school to ensure that they are secure with this for high school, and your support is greatly appreciated.

Topic

This term we will be completing a comparative study of Scotland and Italy. We will explore how land is used, farming, food, tourism, culture and sport. If any of our families have any areas of expertise or interest in this field, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs McNaughton or Mrs Piraino. All knowledge and experience is appreciated.

Confirmation

The date for Confirmation this year is Tuesday 21st November.

Parents/Carers are invited to attend a workshop on Thursday 7th September which will give greater insight into your child's preparation to receive this Sacrament. If you have not already done so, could you please ensure you return the letter with information regarding your child's intention to receive this Sacrament.



Homework

We are settling back into the routine of homework in Primary 7. All children should have received the code to join our Class Team in order to access homework within the 'Files' tab. Please get in touch if you have any technical issues. Homework will be issued on a Monday and jotter handed back in to the class teacher at the end of the week.

We feel that being able to organise and manage their homework this year is an important learning curve in your child's preparation for high school next year and we do expect a high standard of work at home.

P.E.

Children are asked to bring their PE kit, including green t-shirt and shorts along with a pair of joggers which can be used for outdoor learning. This kit should be brought to school on a Monday and kept here until Friday when it will be returned home.

This is to allow more flexibility within the class timetable and ensures children are always equipped for their learning.

Primary 7A PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday.

Primary 7B PE days are Monday and Thursday.



Outdoor Learning

We will be taking as many opportunities to take our learning outside throughout the year. Our official outdoor learning forest time will take place in Term 3.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any worries, concerns or questions at any point.

Kind regards,

Mrs McNaughton and Mrs Piraino